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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 3

1. U.S. COVERAGE OVER LONG WEEKEND IS MASSIVE, AND MOST  
FAVORABLE IN RECENT MEMORY, DESPITE CONTINUING MINOR-KEY

CARPING.

HIGHLIGHTS:

-- JAN 1 IZVESTIYA (ONLY) RUNS ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMBASSADOR TOON'S ARRIVAL AND TASS REPORT ON AIRPORT REMARKS.

-- JAN 2 CENTRAL PRESS RUNS WASHINGTON TASS ITEM ON CARTER NEW YEAR'S PRESS CONFERENCE FEATURING RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV ANSWERS TO KINGSBURY-SMITH NOTING HIS "EXCHANGE OF IDEAS" WITH BREZHNEV, AND CONCLUDING WITH GREETINGS TO SOVIET PEOPLE READ BY POWELL.

-- FOREIGN POLICY YEAR-ENDERS BY YURIY ZHUKOV (PRAVDA JAN 2) AND ALEKSANDR BOVIN (IZVESTIYA JAN 1) PUT U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS FRONT AND CENTER IN OPTIMISTIC TONES, WITH STRESS ON SALT, NO SOVIET THREAT AND SUMMITRY PER KINGSBURY-SMITH ANSWERS.

-- ALL CENTRAL PRESS HAS RUN LAVISH TASS REPLAYS OF "WORLD OPINION," INCLUDING AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURES, ON KINGSBURY-SMITH ANSWERS THROUGHOUT WEEKEND.

-- MINOR THEME IS SUPPORT OF U.S. BUSINESS CIRCLES FOR U.S.- SOVIET PROGRESS IN 1977. BUSINESSMEN APPEAR IN TASS REPLAYS ON BREZHNEV REMARKS, BUT ARE SPEARHEADED BY ARMAND HAMMER IN IZVESTIYA DEC 30: HAMMER BLAMES U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR SLOWDOWN, HOPES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BREZHNEV-CARTER FORWARD MOVEMENT, AND FOCUSSES ON BREZHNEV AS HEIR TO LENIN'S LINE: "I AM SURE THAT IF LENIN WERE ALIVE HE WOULD DOUBTLESS SAY, THIS IS PRECISELY THE PATH THE SOVIET STATE SHOULD TAKE."

-- JAN 1 PRAVDA COLOR PIECE ON U.S. BY STREL'INKOV DRAWS FAVORABLE CONTRAST BETWEEN AMERICAN APPROACH TO SOVIETS 20 YEARS AGO WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVE (FALLOUT SHELTERS AND THE SOVIET THREAT) AND NOW, WHEN HE AND GALLUP FIND 70-80 PERCENT OF AMERICANS FOR U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE.

-- ON CARPING SIDE, GEORGIY RATIANI'S BLAST AT WESTERN PRESS IN PRAVDA JAN 1 IS BIG GUN: RATIANI IS ALL FOR HONEST POLEMICS, BUT AGAINST ANTI-SOVIETISM WHICH APPEARS EVERY DAY, AND HOLDS UP JOHN REED AS GOOD EXAMPLE TO THE "HEDRICK SMITHS AND BOB KAISERS" OF THIS WORLD. MARINE KKK SCANDAL AT PENDELTON AND WESTERN ECONOMIC CRISIS CONTINUE TO POP AWAY, HOWEVER.

-- ON SALT, BOTH ZHUKOV AND BOVIN QUOTE U.S. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT AGREEMENT IS "90 PERCENT READY," BUT SOURCE AND DATE THEM DIFFERENTLY, ZHUKOV TO "OFFICIALS" AT "BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR," BOVIN TO KISSINGER IN SEPTEMBER. BOTH ALSO CAREFUL TO DEFINE SALT GOAL AS AGREEMENT "ON BASIS" OF VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING. MEANWHILE, TASS NEW YORK PIECE RUNS IN BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ POINTING OUT CSM ARTICLE BY GODFREY SPERLING ON HOW FORD MISSED SALT AGREEMENT BY THINNESS OF MARGINS BECAUSE OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN PRESSURES.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- ON MBFR, BOVIN IS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN ANY OTHER RECENT COMMENTATOR WE HAVE READ: "IT IS SLOW, VERY SLOW, BUT STILL THE CONTOURS OF SUCH A (REASONABLE) COMPROMISE ARE BEGINNING TO EMERGE, IF ONE SPEAKS OF PARTICULARITIES, OF SEPARATE DETAILS."

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-- BELGRADE CSCE MEETINGS APPEAR SQUARELY ON SOVIET 1977 AGENDA, IF NEAR THE END (ALONG WITH GENEVA MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE), AS SET FORTH BY BOTH ZHUKOV AND BOVIN. ZHUKOV DEFINES GOAL AS "EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON IMPLEMENTATION" TO PRODUCE FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT ON COOPERATION IN SPIRIT OF FINAL ACT; BOVIN GOES FURTHER, AND SAYS "MAIN TASKS" ARE TO "ANALYZE HINDRANCES (TO 'LONG PROCESS' OF IMPLEMENTATION), DETERMINE THE WAYS AND MEANS OF REMOVING THEM, AND DISCUSS NEW INITIATIVES FOR SECURING PEACE IN EUROPE."

--EUROPEAN NEWS LIGHT; LED BY TWO ANTI-NATO CARTOONS AND KZ REPORT OF PROTESTS IN FRG OVER NATO'S STRENGTHENING OF NORTHERN FLANK AND REJECTION OF WP PROPOSAL FOR NUCLEAR NON-FIRST-USE.

-- ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORT CARRILO CASE GIVEN TO SPANISH COURTS.

-- PRAVDA JAN 2 HAS OTTAWA DATELINE ARTICLE STRESSING EXTENSIVE TRUDEAU QUOTES THAT SERVE TO SHOW CANADIAN PM IN VERY FAVORABLE LIGHT.

-- M.E. COVERAGE OVER HOLIDAY WDAD WAS TWO BASIC THEMES: ISRAELI EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE MOVEMENT TOWARD GENEVA AND PLO-PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (PRM) SITUATION ON THIS 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF THEIR STRUGGLE. SEVERAL ARTICLES IN CENTRAL PRESS DESCRIBE SPECIFIC STEPS TAKEN BY ISRAELI "RULING CIRCLES" WHICH

HINDER MOVEMENT TOWARD AN OVERALL SOLUTION OF M.E.  
PROBLEM. THESE STEPS AND OTHERS ARE CATALOGUED BY YURIY  
GLUKHOV IN JAN 2 PRAVEA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN," EMPHASIS  
IS GIVEN TO RECENT MANEUVERS IN SINAI AND TO "ANNOUNCEMENT"  
THAT ISRAELI MINISTERIES WOULD BE MOVED TO JERUSALEM IN 1977.  
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-- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ARTICLES IN CENTRAL  
PRESS IN CONNECTION WITH 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF "BEGINNING  
OF ACTIVE STRUGGLE OF ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FOR THEIR  
RIGHTS." LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVE ASH-SHAER APPEARS AT  
A MEETING OF "THE PUBLIC" DEVOTED TO THIS THEME (IZVESTIYA  
12/30) AND THEN HOSTS A RECEPTION ATTENDED BY CHAIRMAN  
OF CPSU CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION, G.F. SIZOV (PRAVDA  
12/31, IZVESTIYA 1/1). DEC 31 PRAVDA CONTAINS LENGTHY  
ARTICLE BY YURIY GLUKHOV GIVING SOVIET VIEW OF RECENT  
PALESTINIAN DEVELOPMENTS. GLUKHOV CITES GROWING INTER-  
NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF PLO AS "LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," SAYS ESSENCE OF PALESTINIAN  
PROBLEM IS "EXACTLY" THAT ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES HINDER  
THE GRANTING (PREDOSTAVLENIYE) TO THE PALESTINIANS OF  
THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING THEIR OWN STATE.  
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--WORTHY OF SEPARATE NOTE IS PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK ON ME BY  
AUTHORITATIVE POLITICAL WRITER A. BOVIN IN HIS YEAR-END WRAP-UP  
OF WORLD SCENE IN JANUARY 1 IZVESTIYA.

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--DEC 30 IZVESTIYA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN PODGORNYY  
AND UAE PRESIDENT NUHAYAN ON UAE NATIONAL DAY.

--JAN 1 IZVESTIYA AND KZ CARRY TASS WASHINGTON REPORT OF  
SADAT INTERVIEW IN WASHINGTON POST. REPORT EMPHASIZES  
PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PROCLAIM "SOME KIND OF  
DEFINITE RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND JORDAN.

--JAN 1 KZ HAS TASS DAR ES SALAAM ARTICLE CITING REMARKS BY  
TANZANIAN GEN.-MAJOR A. TRALIPO (PHONETIC) ON GOAL OF TRAINING  
TANZANIAN SOLDIERS IN SPIRIT OF DEVOTION ON COMMON CAUSE OF  
CONSTRUCTION OF FOUNDATION OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN TANZANIA.  
THEME WAS FORESHADOWED BY ARTICLE IN DAR ES SALAAM DAILY NEWS  
(REPORTED KZ DECEMBER 31) ON GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF TANZANIAN  
ARMED FORCES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF BROAD PROGRAM OF SOCIAL-  
ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY.

--V. KOROVNIKOV WRITES IN JANUARY 2 PRAVDA ON S. AFRICAN  
PRESSURE ON LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND OVER ISSUE OF TRANSKEI  
RECOGNITION.

--PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BOVIN YEAR-END WRAP-UP PROSPECTS WHICH  
IS GLOWING IN OUTLOOK, IN CONTRAST TO HIS VIEW OF ME.

--JAN 1 PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY MEXICO D.F. DATLINED STATEMENT

BY CP CHILE REFUTING CRITICISM (ESPECIALLY THAT OF GEORGES  
MARCHAIS AND POLITBURO OF PCF) OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN FREEING  
CORVALAN. PARALLEL IS DRAWN WITH PREVIOUS SOVIET EFFORT ""EVERY-  
THING POSSIBLE") N FREEING THEN GENERAL SECRETARY OF CP ITALY,  
ANTONIO GRAMSCI, FROM MUSSOLINI PRISON.

--JAN 1 CENTRAL PRESS PRINTS BREZHNEV, PODGORNY, KOSYGIN  
GREETINGS TO CASTRO AND JAN 1 KZ CARRIES MARSHALL USTINOV'S  
GREETINGS TO RAUL CASTRO.

--V. BOL'SHAKOV HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE ON NEW ZEALAND IN JAN 2  
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PRAVDA. BOL'SHAKOV DESCRIBES ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES BEHIND  
FACADE OF HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING, NOTES IMPROVEMENT IN CLIMATE  
SURROUNDING SOVIET-NEW ZEALAND CONTACTS--"ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOT  
A FEW FORCES IN THE COUNTRY READY TO USE ANY EXCUSE TO FAN ANTI-  
SOVIET PASSIONS"--AND CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS STRENGTHENING  
IN POSITION OF THOSE FORCES WHICH OPPOSE GROWTH OF MILITARY  
EXPENDITURES AND WHICH FAVOR WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY BLOCs.  
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